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Cultural Connection

Junior High Students Celebrate Diversity

In celebration of cultural diversity, students at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School will enjoy the music and dance of the Andes courtesy of Inca Sons at the school's annual Global Fair to be held next week on Friday, March 6.

Seventh grade students will learn to play the pan flute, while eighth graders will participate in cultural dances. A performance by this group will culminate the day's activities.

This activity is sponsored, in part, by a grant from the Department of Education.

"Race Weekend"

Marion Cub Scouts Hold Pinewood Derby

On Saturday, February 28, Marion Cub Scouts will hold their annual Pinewood Derby at 12:00 noon at the Sippican School auditorium from 12:00 noon until 4:30 pm. This year sixty young boys will compete for a coveted trophy or ribbon.

Each Cub Scout starts out with a block of wood, four wheels and four nails, and must carve, paint and decorate their car. Derby rules state that a car cannot be longer than seven inches and cannot weight more than five ounces.

Due to popular demand, an adult division will be added this year. Any adult can participate and compete as long as they register their finished car between 9:00 am and 11:00 am on the morning of the race in the school auditorium.

The Marion Cub Scouts welcome the public to come and watch the race. It is expected that over 200 Marion residents will attend. Lunch and snacks will be available. For more information, please contact Joan Hartnett-Barry at 748-0027.

On the cover: Members of the Inca Sons will be performing at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School next week on Friday, March 6 as part of the school's Global Fair. Seventh grade students will be taught to play the pan flute, while eighth grade students will participate in cultural dances during the event. (Photo courtesy of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School).

Cover insert: A group of Marion Cub Scouts watch the finish of a heat in the 1997 Pinewood Derby. The Cub Scouts will hold the 1998 race on Saturday, February 28 in the Sippican School Auditorium from 12:00 noon to 4:15 pm. The public is cordially invited to attend. (Photo courtesy of Joan Hartnett-Barry).

Election Preview

Competition Gears Up in Area Towns By Kenneth J. Souza

For the first time in a long time, there are several hotly-contested races in local politics. Bucking the trend of "business as usual," only one incumbent Selectman is running for re-election, and three longtime board members are either retiring, resigning, or simply not seeking to run again.

MATTAPOISETT

In the race for the Board of Selectmen in Mattapoisett, 21-year veteran John N. DeCosta announced earlier this year that he will not be running for an eighth term. After serving the town in a variety of capacities for over two decades, Mr. DeCosta will begin his well-deserved retirement from public life this April.

And in keeping with the winds of change in Mattapoisett of late, two candidates have come forward to fill Mr. DeCosta's seat. Barry J. Denham of Park Place filed his nomination papers on January 2, and Lynn M. Sylvia of North Street followed suit on February 12. Both candidates have already begun a very visible campaign in terms of public appearances and advertising, and Mattapoisett is sure to have another interesting and competitive election on April 7.

Mattapoisett Board of Health member Daniel C. Lee Jr. of Church Street will be facing challenger Richard A. Carle of Marina Drive; incumbent Deborah L. DeWalt of Locust Street and newcomer Gerald E. Johnson of Pine Island Road will be vying for two seats on the Mattapoisett School Committee; incumbents Bette A. Roberts of Bowman Road and Robert M. Walter of Water Street are also running for two openings as Library Trustees; and the race for two Constable openings will pit incumbents Paul H. Magee of Knollwood Drive and William O. Simpson of North Street against three newcomers: Daniel Goodman Sr. of Pine Street, Wayne R. Vandal of Beaver Path, and Cheryl A. Cronin of Melissa Anne Lane.

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Other uncontested races in Mattapoisett include:

- Assessor William O. Hall of North Street for one seat formerly held by Harvey Blanchette;
- Town Moderator incumbent Richard W. Blasdale of Channing Road;
- Water/Sewer Commission incumbent Gary A.
 Gaspar of Ridgewood Road;
- Planning Board incumbent Robert J. Rogers of Fairhaven Road;
- Housing Authority incumbent Margaret M. DeMello of Acushnet Road;
- Herring Inspector incumbent Robert A. Martin of River Road.
- MARION

Marion Selectman incumbent Loretta B. Schaefer of Converse Road is the only such candidate in the area who is not only running for re-election, but thus far is running unopposed in the town's May 1 annual election.

Other incumbent candidates who have taken out nomination papers in Marion include:

 Assessor - Bradford N. Eames of Olde Knoll Road;

 Board of Health - Albin R. Johnson III of Spring Street;

- Planning Board (3 years) Robert F. Bennett of South Street and Donald M. Kusza of Delano Road;
- Planning Board (2 years) William Koss of Pleasant Street.



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There are still no candidates who have taken out nomination papers for the following offices in Marion: Town Moderator, Marion School Committee, Old Rochester Regional School District Committee, and Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School Committee.

Nomination papers must be filed with the Registrar of Voters in Marion for certification by 5:00 pm on March 13 and with the Town Clerk by 5:00 pm on March 27. The last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Town Election is Tuesday, April 7 until 8:00 pm.

ROCHESTER

In Rochester, Selectman incumbent Lorraine Roy Hawkes has decided not to run for another three-year

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term in office. At least two candidates will be competing to fill her seat on the board — both Town Clerk Naida Parker and former Memorial School Committee member Robert Cummings have taken out nomination papers for the May 13 election.

In addition, several incumbents have already taken out nomination papers, including: Highway Surveyor Jeffrey Eldridge, Library Trustee Elizabeth Florindo, Park Commissioner William Watling Jr., Board of Health member John Lafreniere, Assessor Kathleen McHenry, and Planning Board members Janice Crook and Brad Morse.

As is the case with many area towns, candidates for School Committee seats remain sparse. To date there have been no nomination papers taken out for the Rochester Memorial School Committee (both three-year and two-year terms) and the ORR District School Committee (three years).

Other Rochester races in which candidates have yet come forward include Constable (two seats, three years) and Cemetery Commission (one seat, three years).

Potential candidates and undeclared incumbents in Rochester still have until March 25 to take out and return nomination papers for the May 13 Annual Town Election.

ACUSHNET

Acushnet Selectman Robert J. St. Jean announced recently that he is not seeking another term in office so that he may concentrate on his bid for Sheriff of Bristol County. Four candidates in Acushnet subsequently filed nomination papers to fill the coveted seat, including Town Clerk Richard Threlfall of Quaker Lane who, like his counterpart in Rochester, plans to retain both positions if elected.

The other Selectman candidates for the April 6 election include: Kevin A. Gaspar Sr. of Budano Drive,



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Paul C. Pelletier of Nestles' Lane, and David E. Wojnar of Ludlow Street.

The controversial Acushnet Board of Public Works (BPW) has garnered some interest in the campaign circuit. Vying for a one-year term on the BPW are newcomers Matthew C. Goulet of Grant Street and Mark R. Souto of Middle Road (who was recently appointed to fill out the term of Donald Gaspar). Running for two three-year terms on the BPW are incumbents Glen A. Alferes of Leonard Street and Janet Mello of Main Street and newcomers Michael J. Lefrancois of Main Street and Jean P. Lemieux of Guillotte Street.

Other uncontested races in Acushnet include:

Assessor - incumbent Michael A. Cioper of



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- Board of Health incumbent Michael J. Fortin of Wamsutta Avenue;
- School Committee (2 seats, 3 years) Manuel D. Goncalves of Rock Cress Lane and Alan S. Miner of Chershire Avenue;
- Park Commissioner incumbent Gary L. Rousseau of Peckham Road;
- Planning Commissioner incumbent Richard P.
 Forand of Main Street;
- Commissioner of Trust Funds Juliana F. Perry of Orchard Street (1 year) and Nicolangela Filippone of Gill Street (3 years);
- Public Library Trustee Joann C. Bertrand of Main Street.

The last day to withdraw from the April 6 election ballot in Acushnet is March 4.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting February 24, 1998

By Rebecca Fortin

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, February 24, 1997 at 7:00 pm by Chairman John N. DeCosta. Also present were Selectman Paul R. Lambalot, Selectman Michele Bernier, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

The first order of business on the agenda was with Police Sergeant and Constable Paul Magee who spoke on behalf of the process by which a constable is appointed or elected in Mattapoisett.

Officer Magee offered his suggestions to the board as to what he believes would be a more efficient and ultimately safer way for the town to choose its constables. Mr. Magee said that this presentation was prompted by an incident about two years ago when a New Bedford constable made an illegal service on one of his neighbors, and that same constable applied for a position in Mattapoisett. Officer Magee stated that he did not think this individual was "fit for the job," and wanted to prevent similar incidents in the future. "We've been lucky," he said. "The policies are loose and we haven't had any problems."

Officer Magee would like to see the board consider three points in determining the selection of an appointed constable. Elected constables, such as himself,



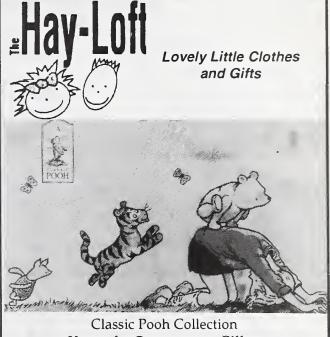
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would not be affected by these suggestions. In Mattapoisett, there are two elected constables: Officer Magee and Officer William Simpson. Currently, there are six appointed constables.

Constables have a broad range of power and should be selected carefully, he said. Therefore, he suggested the following actions be taken:

• First, a written application process should be implemented where a candidate should offer such things as moral character via references, and also should have a certain level of fitness. There should be a thorough background check of the individual by either the police department and/or the Board of Selectmen. "These people must be of upstanding character," he said. Also, he suggested a candidate provide a bond guarantee to the

town in case of any improper service conducted.

• Second, an applicant should be a town resident. Currently, Mattapoisett does not have any policy as to where the applicant lives, and the town has two constables who are non-residents. Officer Magee explained that the town can make better judgements regarding the applicant if they reside in town.

 Lastly, he would like to limit the number of constables in town. He referred to Fairhaven where they appoint constables according to their population. In a town such as Mattapoisett — where the population is approximately 6,500 — there should be a total of six constables. He adds that it is costly to be a constable, and that "I consider myself lucky if I make a profit in a year." The more constables there are, the more competition for work and, consequently, less money is earned.

Selectman Bernier said that they "will do their homework," and Chairman DeCosta added that they will "take all of this under advisement."

The second appointment on the agenda was the appointment of the members to the Computer Advisory Board. Lois K. Ennis, John Matos, Paul E. Millot, Joseph L. Slatterly, and Roy Timothy Smith were all appointed members of the board.

Ms. Ennis asked the board if there were any specific instructions for them, and Selectman Bernier told them to focus on town inventory of computers, who is buying them, what can be upgraded, and what kind of software is being used.

The consensus is that the town should all be using the same software, particularly if problems arise and also

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• Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 pm - Tri-Town

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• Monday, March 2 at 7:30 pm - Selectmen and Finance Committee meet.

Under incoming correspondence for the week were the following letters and memos:

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- A letter of complaint against MediaOne programming and increased charges was received from Marcia E. Perez.
- Senator Marc Pacheco submitted a letter with regard to the deregulation of the electric industry. He stated that he is afraid the bill does not have the best interests of the consumer in mind, since they will have to pay almost \$16 billion in bad investments over the next seven years.
- The Capital Needs Committee forwarded a notice as a reminder of the Forum to be held on Monday, March 16 at 7:00 pm at Old Hammondtown School.
- The Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Town House.

The board would later meet with Steve Kelleher of Kelleher Architects, Inc. and Building Inspector Andrew J. Bobola regarding the status of Town Hall renovations and costs to bring the building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The board would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

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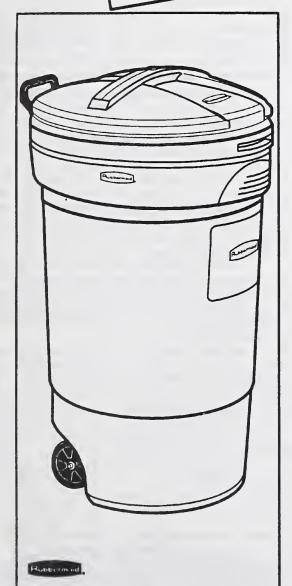


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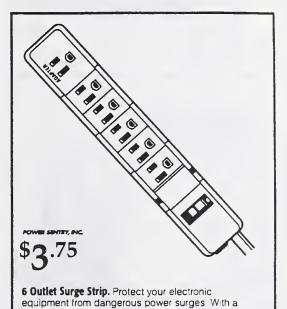
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Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a memo from the Board of Health (BOH) regarding the SouthCoast medical screening van which is offering to provide assistance to the citizens of Marion. They will be offering services four times a year at no cost to residents or the town.

As such, the BOH is recommending three possible sites for the van: either the bandshell at Island Wharf, the Old Landing Wharf, or the rear of the Town Hall parking lot. Mr. Pickles suggested the Old Landing Wharf might be the best location for the van. The board agreed to forward this information to the BOH.

William D. Johnston of Reservation Way next sent a letter expressing his interest in serving on the town's Sewer Committee. Mr. Johnston is a Registered Sanitary Engineer with the State of Massachusetts and has over 45 years of experience in the field. He has been a resident of Marion for the past 35 years. The board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Johnston to the Sewer Committee to serve out a term through May 31, 1998.

Mr. Pickles next submitted a memo to the board regarding the recent complaint which was filed by the Marion Police Union with regard to the town's police and fire buildings. "Creating equal locker room space in the

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police wing will require funding from Town Meeting," Mr. Pickles wrote. "We have mutually agreed that funds will be requested in the Special Town Meeting within the Annual Town Meeting to bring the town into compliance with the requirements of EEOC." Mr. Pickles added that work should be completed on or around August 1.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Education next sent notification to the town of the Net School Spending Requirements for FY 1997 and FY 1998. The state indicated that Marion met its required \$2,522,827 in net school spending for 1997 and have sufficient funds available to meet its required \$2,643,831 for 1998.

The South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation next sent a letter to the board

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On a similar note, the Department of Housing and Community Development sent a letter to the board advising that there is funding available via small grants (usually \$850) which provide up to 30 hours of technical assistance under their Peer to Peer Technical Assistance Program. The board agreed to forward this information to various town boards for consideration.

Police Chief Brian J. Scott sent a memo to the board in response to a recent inquiry about the town's use of towing services. "The Town of Marion Police Department in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Public Utilities uses Murphy's Towing Service in Rochester for all its towing requirements," Chief Scott wrote. "The only exception is those instances when the owner of a motor vehicle requests a specific towing service."

Chief Scott also said that Murphy's Towing Service is the closest tow operator and has provided excellent service to the town. If they were to solicit other companies, they would be deluged with requests from other towing services. "We do not intend to make any changes at this time," he wrote.

The Massachusetts State Lottery Commission next sent an Annual Beano Report for 1997 for the VFW Post 2425 in Marion. The total Beano game receipts for 1997 was \$159,057.50 and the total expenditures for 1997 were \$171,251.28. Although they had a net loss of \$12,193.78 from the Beano games, they made a \$4,379.12 profit from Charity Game Tickets.

At 7:10 pm the board met with Kathy Marx, the Liaison Coordinator for the Old Rochester Regional High School Community Service program. Ms. Marx explained that students earn 1.25 credits for doing up to 20 hours of community service. Some of these programs include:

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"I'm here just to introduce myself and let you know what the program is about," Ms. Marx said. "We're also hoping to get students involved in a cable television program on MediaOne. It's a nice program and when you make the right match, everyone wins.

At 7:15 pm the board opened a hearing on a request from Harriet's Restaurant to change their license from a seasonal wine and malt liquor to a year-round, allalcoholic beverage license. This would allow the establishment to open additional hours during the winter and accommodate 46 people in the dining area, 24 people on the outside patio, and a 12-foot by 20-foot service area.

There being no abutters or residents present to object to the license transfer, the board unanimously voted to approve the request as submitted. Mr. Pickles advised that the new license would not take effect until final approval is given by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABCC), which usually takes four to five weeks.

The board received a letter from Steven Gibbs who informed them that he is not seeking re-election to



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the Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School Committee due to the fact that he wants to spend more time with family. Those interested in serving on the committee have until March 13 to take out and return nomination papers for the upcoming election.

The board also received a copy of the written agreement between the Beverly Yacht Club and Barden's Boat Yard to allow the former to use 20 parking spaces at the boat yard for staff parking.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:30 pm.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

February 23, 1998

By Rebecca Fortin

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, February 23, 1998 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Richard D. Cutler. Also present were Selectman Lorraine Roy Hawkes, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere. Selectman William Chamberlain was not in attendance due to a previous engagement, and the vacationing Executive Secretary Russell Dean also was absent from the meeting.

Police Chief Walter Denham appeared before the board to discuss the possibility of new police cruisers, as well as introduce the newly-hired full time police officer, Robert F. Small to the board.

Mr. Small and his wife, Karen, were introduced to the board and offered a bit of their background. Mr. Small was an officer at Bridgewater State College for the last five years, and graduated from the Police Academy one year ago. They currently reside in Whitman. His start date with the Rochester force will be Sunday, March 1.

The next order of business was the discussion of new police cruisers. Chief Denham explained that the department was down one cruiser presently, and he expected to lose a second shortly. "We're down one cruiser, which gives us three left, with well over 1,000 miles on each," he explained. Chief Denham said his department has spent an exorbitant amount a money on

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repairs, which is not cost efficient.

Further, the Ford Motor Company was contacted and offered the advice that a motor with 210,000 miles on it cannot run efficiently anymore without a \$1,000 repair — adding that a new engine would cost \$3,500.

Quirck Ford of Quincy, Massachusetts, has been awarded the 1998 Ford Municipal Vehicle Contract. Chief Denham said that the price of a new cruiser will cost \$19,950, not including equipment, which is significantly lower that in previous years. He said that for the first new cruiser, which is needed as soon as possible, the equipment from an old cruiser can be transferred into the new one for a cost between \$300 to \$500. The second cruiser will cost slightly more because they will have to



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Chief Denham said that there is another option, which is to look into a lease package. However, he added, that "is a band-aid ... a quick fix." The board agreed that a lease on a cruiser would not be cost efficient.

Chairman Cutler, playing the devil's advocate, asked: "Do you need four cars? You have two officers on at a time, and that leaves two cruisers in the lot."

Chief Denham, understanding that Selectman Cutler's remarks were representing what townspeople may ask, answered: "We've always operated with four vehicles." He went on to explain that cars cannot run for twenty-four hours and that they need some time to be idle.

Selectman Cutler and Selectman Hawkes agreed to speak to the Finance Committee about the matter and to have the topic scheduled on next week's FinCom meeting.

Under incoming correspondence for the week were the following letters and memos:

- A letter from Dog Officer Thomas Medeiros stating that he has not received any complaints regarding the Mendoza animals.
- James and Holly Vogel of 42 Hiller Road stated their continued aggravation by the Mendoza animals. "The dogs continue to bark day and night, the awful disturbance continues and nothing has changed," the letter stated. They pled with the board to re-address the

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matter in a more assertive matter.

• A letter from the Department of Housing and Community Development was received stating that there is available funding assistance through its Peer to Peer Technical Assistance Program.

• Department of Environmental Protection sends a letter announcing to the Town of Rochester that they have been awarded the sum of \$479 under a Municipal

Recycling Grant.

• SEED (South Eastern Economic Development) Corporation sent a letter stating that they are applying to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for a grant under the Ready Resource Fund.

• A memo stating that the Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting has been re-scheduled from Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 pm to Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will take place in the Marion Town House.

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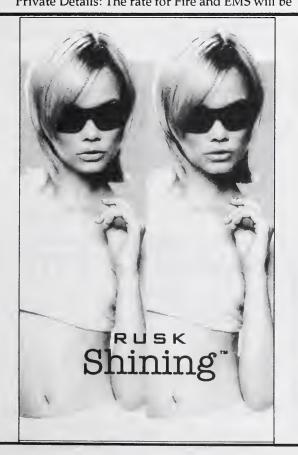
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With no further business matters to discuss, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:07 pm.

Acushnet Selectmen's Meeting

February 23, 1998 By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Acushnet Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, February 23 at 6:00 pm by Chairman Robert J. St. Jean. Also present were Selectman Peter W. Koczera, Selectman Everett L. Hardy Jr., and Executive Secretary Elaine Miranda.

The board first unanimously voted to sign and approve a new contract with Teresa Short who will begin working as the new Town Collector on March 2. Ms. Short previously worked as the Assistant Town Collector in Seekonk. They also voted and agreed to sign a contract with the union employees at the Russell Memorial Library. "The contract is ready to be signed and I think both the Board of Selectmen and Library Trustees should sign it," Selectman Hardy said.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a memo from the Board of Public Works

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The Conservation Commission (ConCom) had previously recommended accepting the land donation, but the Planning Board suggested the offer be declined until the road system and associated utilities at the site are completed.

Selectman Hardy suggested the board concur with the Planning Board's suggestion and not accept the property until work is completed and all performance guarantees and escrow account funds are released.

On a related note, Conrad Richard sent a proposed article for placement on the upcoming Annual Town Meeting to accept Blueberry Drive and Elderberry Drive as public ways. The board agreed to forward this matter to the Planning Board for their review.

Police Chief Michael Poitras next sent a response to the board regarding the recent application of Neil Rei

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for the position of constable with the town. After conducting a background check, Chief Poitras said he could not recommend Mr. Rei for the position. As such, the board unanimously voted to deny Mr. Rei's request.

Rebekah A. Tomlinson of Nye's Lane also submitted an application to serve as town constable. The board requested that a background check be conducted on Ms. Tomlinson as she is a first-time applicant for the position.

Police Chief Poitras next sent a memo to the board regarding insurance coverage for the Police Department. At a recent Southeastern Massachusetts Police Chiefs meeting, the subject of whether departments were covered for punitive damages was discussed. Selectman Koczera said he contacted the town's insurance carrier and they are, in fact, covered for punitive damages.

The Acushnet Wheelers Car Club next sent notice to the board that they are planning their annual "Blessing of the Oldies" and "Oldies on Parade" on Sunday, May 3 (rain date: May 10). They plan on choosing the top three vehicles for awards, and they would like the Board of Selectmen to select the winners. The board agreed to participate, but wanted to know what time the event was taking place.

Town Counsel Kopelman and Paige next sent a letter to the board advising that they can amend the Design Services Contract they have with Clearwater Associates to include the Parting Ways Building in meeting the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). The board thereby unanimously voted to retain Clearwater Associates to present two detailed design projects — one to bring the Town Hall into compliance with ADA regulations, and the other to bring the Parting Ways Building into ADA compliance.

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The Board of Health (BOH) next sent a letter to the board regarding so-called "bumping rights" under the union contract with Town Hall employees. Selectman Hardy explained that they had a meeting with every board in Town Hall regarding this issue, and there will be one extra clerk when the various offices are reorganized next week to accommodate the new Town Collector.

"As a result, we're going to eliminate one clerk," Selectman Hardy said. "She has a right to 'bump down' and it will effect four offices. But union rules dictate that

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bumping rights take effect on March 2. I cannot support paying a senior clerk's position just to retain all the other clerks' positions. This is a union issue and we can't change it."

"People like union representation," Selectman Koczera agreed. "But sometimes it doesn't protect people the way they think it should. We've signed the (union) contract and we have to abide by it."

David R. White of White Bros. Dairy Farm, Inc. next sent a request to the board that the zoning for Plot 23 - Lots 23, 29A and 29B be changed to business use. The property, which is located on Middle Road, currently has a temporary occupancy permit with the town.

"I would certainly be in favor of zoning that property as commercial," Selectman Koczera said. "Mr. White needs to bring a petition before Town Meeting to change the zoning." The board agreed to inform Mr. White of the subsequent steps to bring this matter to Town Meeting voters.

At 6:15 pm the board met with Doug Johnson and associates of Johnson Turf Company to discuss the signing of a three-year management contract to run the Acushnet Municipal Golf Course. The Golf Course Committee has recommended that Mr. Johnson manage the facility, and the board is prepared to sign and approve the contract. Some final details need to be worked out and Town Counsel needs to review the document before it is signed.

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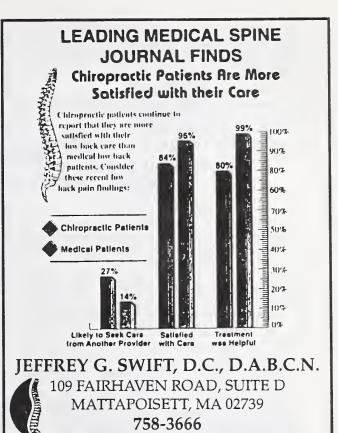


"We intend to sign a contract with you," Selectman Koczera said. "We just need to have the attorneys review it." With that, the board agreed to have Mr. Johnson return on March 9 at 6:00 pm to finalize the agreement.

At 6:30 pm the board met with Animal Control Officer (ACO) Alfred Brouillette and Assistant ACO Manuel Maciel to discuss some recent "communication problems" with incoming calls. "We've had some complaints about (your) response to calls," Chairman St. Jean said. "One, in particular, on Laura Keene Avenue regarding vicious dogs near a day care center."

Mr. Brouillette said Mr. Maciel responded to that call and he picked up the two dogs in question. He added that often times he receives "hang up" calls on his answering machine, and he can't respond if he doesn't get the information.

Mr. Brouillette also said that the ACO budget is dwindling and they currently owe Mr. Maciel for answering previous calls. "We're in limbo here," he said. "We're not sure if we're going to be able to pay him ... we





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"I thought we were going to set this up with the Police Department to page either of you two guys when animal calls come in," Selectman Koczera said. "I think we need to establish a set procedure regarding animal calls."

"We really need to reexamine this situation," said Selectman Hardy. "The town needs more coverage from the ACO than we're getting now. I think it was strictly a personality problem last year when we requested a fulltime ACO at Town Meeting. But I think we should reconsider a full-time Animal Control Officer. Maybe we need to reverse roles here ... maybe have Mr. Maciel as the full-time ACO and Mr. Brouillette as the Assistant ACO since he works during the day."

The board agreed to consider placing another article on a future Town Meeting warrant to create and fund a full-time Animal Control Officer position for the town. They also requested that the Police Department keep a detailed log of all future animal calls and whether Mr. Brouillette or Mr. Maciel responded to the call.

At 7:15 pm the board opened a hearing with residents of and abutters to Laura Keene Avenue to discuss the discontinuance of a portion of the paper street. "As far as we've been able to determine, there are no objections (to the discontinuance) from town departments except one," Chairman St. Jean said. "The BPW had some concerns about drainage. The town might have to get a



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Sensing that the abutters would in favor of the discontinuance, the board unanimously voted to place an article on the Town Meeting warrant to discontinue Laura Keene Avenue as a public way.

Under Old Business, Selectman Hardy noted that he had talked with members of the School Committee and School Superintendent Devine about revitalizing "Government Day" in Acushnet. As such, they have agreed to declare Monday, March 30 as "Government

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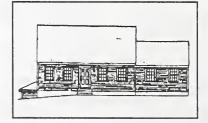
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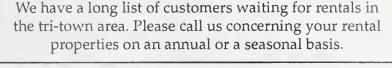
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Day" in Acushnet in order to allow students in Grade 8 to experience the workings of town government first-hand.

"We need to see if representatives from each town department can be present while students are (in Town Hall)," Selectman Hardy said. "It's only going to be a half-day event, but maybe we can hold a mini Town Meeting to let the students bring some issues they'd like to address."

Both Selectman Hardy and School Committee Chairman Patricia Scott agreed the program should be open to all eighth grade students in Acushnet, including those at the St. Francis Xavier School. "This is a program which hasn't been done in a long time," Ms. Scott said. "We're hoping to rekindle the students' interest in town government."

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

(The following is an Open Letter to the residents of

Mattapoisett.)

It is with great regret that I will not be seeking reelection for the Town Assessor upon the advice of my physicians. I have enjoyed serving the people of Mattapoisett during the past nine years. I take special pride and satisfaction during my tenure in office and am proud of our following accomplishments:

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Having accomplished the aforementioned goals, I ask for your support to the Assessors' Office. An experienced competent Board of Assessors is vital to the well-being of the town. Our present board is composed of a unique blend of knowledgeable individuals who work in harmony. I believe it is critical that the town maintain this continuity and allow them to proceed on a positive course.

Once again, thank you for your continued loyal

support throughout the years.

Sincerely,

Harvey J. Blanchette

Mattapoisett Board of Assessors

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- Susan at 758-4044;
- Jackie at 758-4690;
- Elaine at 758-6548.

Women's Community Guild

The Women's Community Guild of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will host an Antiques Appraisal on March 3 at 1:00 pm in Reynard Hall. The program will be led by Frank McNamee of the Marion Antique Shop. Members or guests may bring an old piece to the meeting for appraisal. If the item is too large, please bring a picture. Guests are always welcome.

FORM Scholarship Concerts

Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM) will be hosting the annual FORM Scholarship Concerts on March 5 and 11 at Old Rochester Regional High School. On Thursday, March 5, concert and jazz bands from the Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester schools will be featured in an instrumental concert. On Wednesday, March 11, vocal ensembles from the area schools will perform in the choral concert. Both concerts will begin at 6:30 pm.

Tickets for the concerts are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children and seniors. Tickets purchased for the instrumental concert may also be used for the choral concert. Proceeds from the concerts benefit the FORM Scholarship Fund, which provides annual awards to graduating seniors who have been involved in the music program.

Fin, Fur and Feather Club

Spaghetti Supper

The Fin, Fur and Feather Club invites the public to join the members at a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, March 14 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the clubhouse, 35 Crystal Spring Road in Mattapoisett. Tickets are \$6 and are available by calling Walt Gajewski at 763-2706 or Gilly Costa at 763-5664, or at the door. The public is also welcome for trapshooting on Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, weather-permitting, for \$2.25 per round. Big Bore Shoot

The Fin, Fur and Feather Club, 35 Crystal Spring Road in Mattapoisett, invites the public to a Big Bore Shoot, bullseye targets, .357 mag. and up handguns, on Sunday, March 15 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. The public is also welcome for trapshooting on Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, weather-permitting, for \$2.25 per round.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 15 at St. Gabriel's Parish Hall on South Street in Marion. Coffee will be served at 8:15 am with breakfast following at 8:45 am. Why not join area residents for fine food and conversation and a very interesting slide presentation?

The program will feature "Amazing Africa," a series of slides from a recent trip by Warren Briggs. A donation of \$4 per person would be greatly appreciated.

Spaghetti Supper in Mattapoisett

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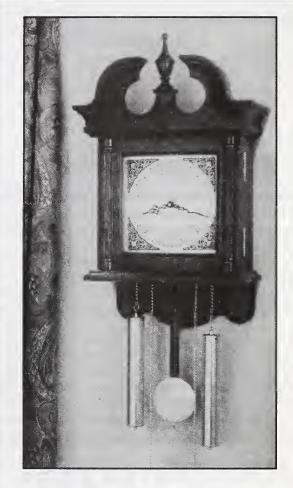
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Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

The Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers will hold a "Casual Night Dance" on March 7 from 8:00 to 11:00 pm at the Acushnet Elementary School on Middle Road. The Square and Round Dancing will be mainstream-plus level and participants can wear jeans, sweatshirts, and casual

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The Project GROW Parents Group will present its fifth annual scholarship fund raiser, the Project GROW Family Fun Festival, on March 29 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Sippican School in Marion. Dr. A. J. Palumbo, a/k/a "Dr. Silly," will be appearing. Dr. Palumbo is an inventor of adaptive play devices for handicapped children as well as attention-training tools for children with learning challenges. Through his performance character ("Dr. Silly"), he promotes his motto: "People who play together, grow together." Arthur the Aardvark will also be making a special appearance to meet the children.

This event is a scholarship fund raiser to provide awards to graduating seniors who have attended the Project GROW program. An academic scholarship is awarded to the student who desires to further his/her education by attending college and an Enrichment Program is awarded to the student with special needs who would benefit from the purchase of a special piece of equipment that would result in an enhanced educational program or who may also wish to further his/her education.

The event is open to the public and tickets for the festival are \$4 per person or \$15 per family (including the immediate members of family members at the same address only). Admission price includes two different puppet show performances by "Dr. Silly," a complimentary picture taken with Arthur the Aardvark (one per family), a chance for each child to make their own puppet, and face painting for each child. There will also be a Chinese auction and bake sale.

Shamrock Shindig in Mattapoisett

A Shamrock Shindig sponsored by the Mattapoisett Firefighters' Auxiliary will be held on March 14 from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Music will be by D Best DJ and admission is \$7 per person. If you have any questions, please call Beth at 758-4405.

Last Call for Phone Book

The editors of the Marion/Mattapoisett/
Rochester Telephone Directory ("the blue book") are
urging all advertisers who have not sent in their 1998
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The league is generally pleased with its classified coverage except in one area. A far more complete selection of restaurants is needed. Restaurant owners may not be aware that the blue book is easily available to people on visiting yachts and to summer visitors, both of whom would welcome a more extensive listing of SouthCoast establishments as would local residents with summer house guests.

This directory is mailed FREE to every postal address in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester and, in addition, any newcomer, individual, or business during the year may pick up a FREE copy at The Bookstall in Marion. Income from the LWV Directory helps finance the Tri-Town League of Women Voters' local programs, particularly Voter Service activities.

Machacam Club - Mattapoisett

The Machacam Club will hold its March meeting on Wednesday, March 4 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social hour is at 5:30 pm with dinner service beginning at 6:00 pm. The speaker this month will be Michael Dahill, a member of the ORR School Committee. Mr. Dahill will discuss the future operations of the ORR School District including expansion and growth anticipated in the future.

Callers are reminded to phone in their lists no later than 9:00 pm on March 2. Last minute changes and reservations can be made by calling Mike Lamoureux at 758-9311.

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Nature Seminar in Marion

Ready to warm up for spring fever? Here's the perfect prep: A community education seminar titled "Voices of Nature" will be offered to the general public on Tuesday evenings from March 3 through April 14 in Marion. The seven-session course will review selections from over a dozen nature writers including Annie Dillard and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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investigates writers who have celebrated nature — as a power and a place that can restore the spirit of those in search of renewal, creativity, and connectedness.

Course readings include selections from Henry David Thoreau's Walden, Henry Beston's Outermost House, Aldo Leopold's A Sand County Almanac, Anne Morrow Lindbergh's Gift from the Sea, Roderick Nash's Wilderness and the American Mind, Dillard's Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, Edward Albee's Desert Solitaire, Norman McLean's A River Runs Through It, T. C. McLuhan's Touch the Earth, Roger Caras' The Forest, Guy Murchy's The Seven Mysteries of Life, and Steven C. Rockefeller's Spirit and Nature. Also featured: Emerson's "Nature," E. B. White's "Once More to the Lake," Don Ethan Miller's "Indian Walk," and selected poetry.

Seminar participants have the opportunity to compare their own experience to that of the authors and classmates. Instructor Bart Nourse, Ph.D., has over two decades of teaching experience in English, ecology, religion and philosophy, and holds a doctoral degree in international studies.

The course fee is \$90 (registration at \$75 plus photocopying charge of \$15). There will be no required books — hand-outs will be provided. The class will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 to 9:00 pm in a location to be announced. To register or for further information, please call 748-1547.

ACTION Annual Meeting

Acushnet Citizens Together Improving Our Neighborhood, Inc. (ACTION) announces its 18th Annual Meeting to be held at the Acushnet Elementary School auditorium, 800 Middle Road, on Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 pm.

Aside from the usual election of officers and directors, the meeting will hold discussions on two of the most important issues before the town today: "Preserving our Rural Character" and "Lowering our Electricity Bills." The first topic's discussion will be led by Mark Rasmussen of the Fairhaven Land Preservation Trust (soon to include Acushnet in its title) and Selectman Everett Hardy. The second topic will be led by Selectman and delegate to the SouthCoast emPOWERment group Peter Koczera and Irwin Marks, alternate delegate.

A further feature of the meeting will be the awarding of the board's first Distinguished Service award to a member who has given outstanding service to the organization and thus, to the community. Other topics to be covered include upcoming activities including a Candidates' Night and a possible Spring Cleanup.

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Mattapoisett COA Openings

There will be two openings on the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) in April, each for a term of three years. The COA is a department of the town and members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The council is a working board whose purpose is to identify the needs of all elders, to educate and enlist the support of the community, and to design, advocate for, and implement the services to fill those needs.

The COA meets every second Tuesday of each month in the Mattapoisett Senior Center at 9:30 am. If you are a resident of Mattapoisett and would be interested in serving as a volunteer member of the COA, please write to Jo Pannell, COA Chairman, c/o Town Hall, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Fairhaven Summer Events

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism has announced that the annual list of summer events in Fairhaven will be published later this spring, promoting fairs, concerts, tournaments, exhibitions, and other special public events scheduled to take place between mid-May and late September. All groups planning such activities are asked to mail or deliver the event information in writing to the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 27 Center Street. The fax number is 979-4085. Event listings will not be accepted over the telephone. The deadline for submitting information is April 1.

The brochure is printed by the Office of Tourism, funded by the town's hotel room tax. It is distributed FREE and there is no cost for having an event listed.

"For several years now we've been printing these calendar of events," said Director of Tourism Christopher J. Richard. "They are handed out at our Visitors Center as well as the two centers in New Bedford. Local hotels and bed and breakfasts are given supplies of them, too. The brochure is also enclosed with all of the out-of-town mailings we do."

Mr. Richard noted the list of events is sent to the editors of regional newspapers, guide books, and other media. "Last year some of the people running local events told us they'd heard of travelers coming from Rhode Island, the Cape and Boston area to attend their fairs and house tours and other activities," Mr. Richard said. "We're spreading the word about Fairhaven as far as we can."

Publicity notices should include the following: name of event and sponsoring group, date(s), time(s), location and street address, admission prices (if any), a brief description of the event, handicap access information, and the name and telephone number of a person the public may call for more information. Additional details about specific performers or artists, types of food served, or other notes of interest should be included as well.

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism hours are

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

AFS Intercultural Program

In today's world, where countries and cultures are increasingly intertwined and interdependent, the understanding and appreciation of cultural differences are vital to peace. AFS Intercultural Programs has been working for over 50 years toward world peace and understanding by conducting high school exchanges, and the Old Rochester Regional High School chapter has been in operation since the early 1960's.

Every year, more than 10,000 students spend a year, a semester, or a summer in a foreign land with a host family. The students learn a new language, culture and way of life, and in the process, they become true citizens of the world. Host families open their hearts and their homes to teenagers from around the world, making student exchange itself possible. This past school year, two families in the Old Rochester communities welcomed AFS students into their lives. They are hosting students from Italy and Portugal, teaching them about the United States, and allowing our community to learn from these youthful representatives of other cultures.

When AFS was started 50 years ago, students from war-torn Europe came to America to experience another way of life and to understand and appreciate our world's cultural differences. This mission of cultural understanding and tolerance is as relevant today as it was after World War II, and hosting families help to build bridges of understanding. Along the way, we all learn a great deal about ourselves, as Americans and as citizens of a diverse world. Opportunities are now available for families to host AFS students for the coming school year. For information, please call the ORR Chapter Co-Presidents, Marlene Souza at 748-2796 or Mary Ann Amoruso at 758-3726.

Lions Club Variety Show

The Mattapoisett Lions Club presents "An Evening of Entertainment" at Old Rochester Regional High School on Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 pm. This 17-act variety show features locally known talent, including such entertainment as vocalists, choir, dance group, musical bands, comedian, pianist, and a ventriloquist. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students. There is general admission seating for this program. Doors will open at 7:00 pm as refreshments will be served and raffle tickets sold.

Tickets can be purchased at the following area businesses: Don's Tire, Dr. Clayton King's office, Seaport Village Shop, Leeward Restaurant, G. H. Dunn Insurance Agency, and the Village Styling Shop. A limited amount of tickets will be sold at the door. Come and have a good time and see your friends entertain!

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Registration will be held from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, March 4. The first class will begin at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 11. Classes will continue on Wednesday evenings through the rest of March and April.

For more information, please contact Renelle LeBlanc at 295-9121 or Joan Andersen at 758-3545.

Jazz Band Plays Washington

The Old Hammondtown School Jazz Band, under the direction of Stan Ellis, will be performing at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington,

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74 County Road, Mattapoisett Hours: Tues.-Fri. 9:30-5:30, Sat. 9:30-3:30 DC on Saturday, March 21. The eighteen-member group of fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students from Mattapoisett was invited to play the center by Senator Edward Kennedy's office.

Mr. Ellis and the band, who will be performing in the Virginia area at Shenandoah University and two Winchester, Virginia elementary schools on March 19 and 20, sent a package of material regarding their forthcoming trip to the senator's office. This package included a recent videotape of the band and, after reviewing the tape, the senator's office suggested that the band play at the center for the Millennium Stage Concert Series. The OHS band will perform on the Millennium Stage at 6:00 pm on March 21.

The Old Hammondtown band, a five-time gold medal winner at the last five jazz educators' competitions, has twice played the State House in Boston and has been awarded a citation of excellence by the Massachusetts State Legislature.

Gong Show in Acushnet

The Acushnet Community Center will be having its fourth annual Gong Show on Saturday, March 28 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Acushnet Elementary School on Middle Road. One of the most successful fund raisers, the Gong Show provides a night of fun for the entire family. Anyone is eligible to submit an application to perform in the show, children as well as adults. Whether your act is musical, comical, magical, or just plain old fun, share your talent with the community. Money prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners. Applications are available at the Community Center and the Acushnet Police Station.

In addition to providing the entire family with a night of entertainment, the Gong Show raises money to help run the Community Center.

Representatives of the Acushnet Community Center will be contacting local businesses to offer advertising space in the Gong Show Program Book. Ad prices range from \$25 to \$100. If your business would like to participate in this fund raiser, please contact the Community Center at 998-8546.

Ham and Bean Supper

The Florence Eastman Post 280 American Legion will hold its second Ham and Bean Supper in 1998 on Saturday, February 28 at 5:00 pm at post headquarters on Depot Street. Tickets can be purchased by contacting John DeCosta at 758-2310 or Michael Lamoureux at 758-9311, Tony Rapoza at 758-2202, or from any other legion member. Please come and support your local veterans' organization.

Acushnet Council on Aging

SHINE

A SHINE Representative is available at the

Acushnet Senior Center on Thursday morning. Massage

A free massage service for seniors is available Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Tax Assistance

A consultant is available Friday afternoon to assist seniors with their tax forms. **ID** Pictures

ID photos and T-train pictures are taken by appointment only at the Acushnet Senior Center. Please call 998-0280 to make an appointment. Line Dancing

Line Dancing is held at the American Legion Hall on Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Volunteer Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to bring seniors to the hospital or to doctor's appointments. Please call 998-0280 if you can assist.

Habitat for Humanity Meeting

All those interested in the Buzzards Bay Habitat for Humanity will have the opportunity to meet and talk with the different committees. The second annual meeting of Habitat for Humanity will take place on March 4 at 7:00 pm at the First Congregational Church (28 Main Street) in Marion. This is a great opportunity to find out what the organization is all about and how you can help build the next Habitat House.

The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical ministry that works to build decent, affordable houses for people in this area and they are looking for volunteers. Habitat for Humanity International seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness throughout the world. People of all faiths from all walks of life are encouraged to volunteer. BBAHFH encompasses Acushnet, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester and Wareham.

For more information, please call the Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity at 758-7932 or write to: BBAHFH, P.O. Box 652, Marion, MA 02738-0652.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

Taxes

Appointments are available to have your taxes done at the Mattapoisett Senior Center on Monday. Please call 758-4110 to set up an appointment. Don't wait until the last minute — soon it will be April 15! SHINE Counselor

The SHINE Counselor is at the Senior Center every Monday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon to help you with any issues about health insurance. You can just drop in to see Bob Walter and do not need to make an appointment.

Mall Trip

The next Mall Trip will be on March 5 to the Silver City Galleria in Taunton at 9:15 am.

Legal Assistance

Free legal assistance is available at the Senior Center on Thursday, March 19. Please call 758-4110 to set up an appointment with Attorney Robert Moore. *Pen Pals*

Pen pals are needed for Old Hammondtown School. Sign up now for this rewarding experience. *Line Dancing*

Line Dancing is held on Monday at 1:00 pm and the cost is \$1. Please come and join the group for a good time! Newcomers are always welcome.

Weight Training

The Weight Training Group meets Tuesday at 3:00 pm and Friday at 9:30 am. The cost is \$3 per session.

Center School - Mattapoisett

Science Day

Center School's Ninth Annual Science Day will be held on Thursday, March 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm and on the morning of Friday, March 6 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon for parents to visit students' exhibits and projects.

The emphasis of Science Day is to foster an appreciation of science and the learning experience derived from doing a project and/or experiment. Student participation is on a voluntary basis and is non-competitive. Student exhibits may consist of a demonstration, models, experiments, and/or science related collections (i.e. rock, shell collections). Students cannot exhibit live animals, dangerous chemicals, open flames, explosives, and the like. All students' projects must be brought to the school by 9:00 am on Thursday, March 5 to be set up on display.

A highlight of this year's Science Day will be a visit by the New England Aquarium's "Tide Pool Revue" program in the cafeteria on the morning of March 6. The "Tide Pool Revue" program uses interactive theater to highlight animals of the rocky coast. In the first part of the two-part program, students study about a different animal, learning about its adaptions, feeding behavior, and movements under the direction of their classroom teacher. During the second part, an Aquarium educator directs students in a presentation focusing on the tide pool life of the rocky coastline.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for all children entering Kindergarten and new children entering Grade 1 in September of 1998 will take place at Center School on Wednesday, March 18 between 8:30 am and 12:00 noon and between 1:00 and 3:00 pm in the Civil Defense Room at Center School. It is not necessary for your child to attend registration with you.

Any child born in the year 1993 is eligible for enrollment in Kindergarten. Any child born in the year 1992 is eligible for enrollment in Grade 1. The age requirement for Kindergarten, set by School Committee policy, is that each child must be five years old by December 31 of the year in which the child is enrolled in school. Parents should bring a birth certificate or a notarized memorandum of birth with them on registration day. A doctor's memorandum showing the following immunizations and a lead screening blood test is required for school entrance:

- DPT five doses unless the fourth dose is given after the fourth birthday;
- Oral Sabin Polio Vaccine four doses unless the third dose is given after the fourth birthday;
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) first dose given at 15 months of age and second dose must be given prior to entering Kindergarten;
- Hepatitis B a series of three doses for all children born after January 1, 1992; and
 - Lead Screening.

If you have a child who was born in 1993 and who is eligible to enter Kindergarten in September, 1998 but will not be entering Kindergarten and/or will be attending a private Kindergarten, please call Center School (758-2521) and notify them of your decision not to enter him/her at the school in September of 1998. This will enable them to keep an accurate count of the number of students who will be entering Center School in September.

FORM Scholarship Concert

On Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 pm, the Third Grade Chorus will be participating in the Annual FORM Scholarship Concert to be held at the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium. All choruses from all of the schools in the Old Rochester Regional School District will be performing at this concert. Admission for adults will be \$3 and for children not participating in the concert, \$1. The entire concert will last approximately an hour and a half.

All proceeds from this concert will placed into a Scholarship Fund for college-bound students from ORR High School. All third graders are to report to ORR High School at 6:15 pm where they will be met by Ms. West and Mr. Murphy.

Art and Music Night

Center School's Thirteenth Annual Art and Music Night will be held on Wednesday, March 25. The Art Show will begin at 5:00 pm in the cafeteria. All of the art work was created by Center School students in Grades K to 3 under the direction of Art Teacher Diane Perry.

At 6:30 pm the Third Grade Chorus, under the direction of Music Teacher Jean West, along with the Intergenerational Chorus, will present their Spring Concert titled "We Haz Jazz." The concert will be held in the auditorium. All Center School students will attend an afternoon performance of the Spring Concert that day.

There are no restrictions on who can attend the evening performance; however, due to a limited seating capacity in the auditorium, the school is required by fire code to limit the number of people who can attend the evening performance to 200. People attending the evening

concert will be admitted to the auditorium from 6:15 pm on.

Cushing Cemetery - Mattapoisett

Just a reminder from the Cushing Cemetery: all Christmas decorations should be removed by March 1, 1998. Thank you.

Millicent Library - Fairhaven

Book Discussion

The Millicent Library Book Discussion Group will be held once a month on Thursday at 10:00 am this spring in the library's auditorium. You can sign up at the desk or call 992-5342 for more information. The following books will be discussed at each of the following sessions:

- March 19 The Bird Artist by Howard Norman;
- April 16 Midwives by Christopher Bohjalian;
- May 21 Poetry reading by Ada Jill Schneider.

Mattapoisett Public Library

Discount Passes

The Mattapoisett Public Library is offering discounted passes to state attractions. Passes are available for: John F. Kennedy Library, Columbia Point, Boston (free pass for four); Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (free for two adults per pass - library has two passes available); Museum of Science, Boston (coupon for four, \$1 per person for specific dates - does not include Omni or Planetarium tickets); Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth (free admission for two adults and two children, daily April to November); Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence (discounted pass for four, \$2.50 per adult, \$1.25 for children and seniors - does not include Jurassic Journey).

Passes can be reserved at the library or by calling 758-4171, according to Sue Tweedy, Library Director. The pass program is financed by specified gifts, unspecified gifts and donations to the library.

Marion Council on Aging

Podiatry Clinic

A podiatry clinic will be held on March 19 at the Senior Drop-In Center. Please call the COA (748-3570) for an appointment with Dr. Lucarelli.

Senior Housing

Applications for Marion's senior housing, Little Neck Village, are available at the COA office for residents or their parents who are at least 60. Applications are also available for Marconi Village.

Tax Assistance

Tax Assistance will be available in February on Wednesday. Please call the Marion COA office at 748-3570 to make an appointment.

Transportation

FISH volunteers are available to drive seniors to doctor's appointments. A handicap van is available to anyone who needs it to go to doctor's appointments.

Veterans License Plates

The Office of Veterans Services for the towns of Mattapoisett and Rochester has received an updated copy of the application for Veterans License Plates including a Veterans Flag, Purple Heart, Silver Star, and Bronze Star. Military decals for these plates indicating the war era served and branch of service are also available. For further information, please contact Harvey Blanchette, Veterans Agent, or his secretary in the Mattapoisett Town Hall at 758-4114, Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Marion Natural History Museum

Upcoming After-School Programs at the Marion Natural History Museum include:

- March 9 Soil Tunnel: What goes on under your feet? Elizabeth Leidhold will offer a program featuring the USDA's Soil Tunnel. Come feel the different soil textures, see the different soil colors and crawl through the tunnel.
- April 22 Let's Plant a Tree for Earth Day! Landscape designer Joan Lanza will help the museum do something nice for Mother Earth. Cost of the program includes sapling ready for planting and soil.

• April 27 - Bees! Peter Wilson of Apiary Services will bring in his live observation hive and allow participants to visit with bees up close and personal.

- May 29 Salt Marsh Walk with Fred Hutchings. The museum will be bringing the children to Aucoot Cove to investigate the plants and animals of the salt marsh environment. If your child needs a ride, please be sure to fill out the permission slip (available at the museum and Elizabeth Taber Library). No permission slip, no ride!
- June 8 Bones! Plan to get an intimate look at a human skeleton! Plan to get really close to the body's framework during this program with Biologist Catherine Russell.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are \$5 each and will run from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. For more information, please call the Marion Natural History Museum at 748-2098.

Mattapoisett Seeks Professional

The Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee is looking for a retired professional who can give approximately 5 to 10 hours per week to organize, coordinate, and help write the Town's Master Plan. Applicant must have good verbal and writing skills, including a working knowledge of computerized word processors. The pay is commensurate with that received by the other 10 committee members — the pleasure of working with a great group of people learning about a very special town in helping Mattapoisett plan for its future. Qualified applicants should contact Penny Donald at 758-2286 or Bob Atkinson at 758-4401.



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Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Dog Licenses

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Rochester Scholarship

Applications for the Rochester Woman's Club Scholarship may be picked up at area high schools or by calling 763-8309 (JoAnne Abraham). Applications must be returned by April 17.

ORR Drama Goes Broadway

The Tony-award winning Broadway musical, "Into the Woods," will fill the stage at Old Rochester Regional High School on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 26, 27, and 28. The production, under the direction of Paul Sardinha, will feature over 50 high school performers and a 17-piece orchestra presenting the music and lyrics of Stephen Sondheim which were inspired by Grimm's Fairy Tales.

Nancy Lima takes the role of the Witch, with John Farrell as the Baker and Alyssa Chase as the Baker's Wife. Soprano Brooke Knudsen sings Cinderella, with Chris Morey appearing in the dual role as Cinderella's Prince and the Wolf. Look for Andrea Caron as Little Red Riding Hood and Andy Denham as Jack in the Beanstalk.

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MOVIES & ENTERTAINMENT



Poor performances and tangled twists mar neo-noir *Palmetto*

By Rob Gonsalves local@wanderer.com

■ Palmetto. Starring Woody Harrelson and Elisabeth Shue. Directed by Volker Schlöndorf. Running time: 113 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall.

Early in *Palmetto*, yet another tedious *film noir* clone, Woody Harrelson is fixing Elisabeth Shue a drink — vodka with a twist. He turns to her and says, "Wedon't have any more twists." I wish the same were true of the movie, which is *all* twists — and, what's worse, strained and unconvincing twists. This is the kind of thriller that could end with the hero discovering that the whole movie was his *dog's* bad dream; that would make about as much sense as *Palmetto's* actual ending.

Harrelson is Harry Barber, a writer just released from jail (he was framed). Bitter at having lost two years of his life (I can relate — I just lost two hours of mine), Harry is looking to stick it to the system. A blond temptress named Rhea (Shue) spots Harry in a bar and gets him interested; after some boring hanky-panky, she outlines her plan. She has a rich husband and a teenage stepdaughter (Chloe Sevigny, from Trees Lounge). Harry will pretend to kidnap the stepdaughter, the hubby will cough up \$500,000, and Harry will pocket ten percent.

If there's one rule in modern movies, it's that no one should do a kidnapping film noir unless his name is Joel Coen or Ethan Coen. Fargo, for instance, was more about its frozen locale and quirky inhabitants than about an abduction scam. Palmetto (the title unfortunately evokes Fargo) is set in Florida, yet it has none of the sweat and funk and local color of Miami novels by Carl Hiaasen or Elmore Leonard. It doesn't even have an alligator. Even with the stock hey-we're-in-Florida shots of swamps and houseboats, the film might as well be set in Massachusetts.

Harrelson does his stubbly-stupid-loser shtick, which he did better in White Men Can't Jump. He's not credible at all as a



noir hero, especially when the costume people make him wear a fedora, which is often. Everyone else is fatally miscast. Shue gives an utterly autopilot performance—I stared at the screen in mild shock, looking in vain for the same actress

who embodied complex characters in *Leaving Las Vegas* and *The Trigger Effect*. Sevigny, looking unhealthily like Fiona Apple, seems lost in the tangle of plot twists (which invalidate her character anyway). Gina Gershon has a hot first scene as

Harry's loyal wife, but then has nothing to do.

And I'd love to know which genius at Castle Rock read the script (by E. Max Frye, who wrote the superior Something Wild) and decided that it'd be perfect for Volker Schlöndorff, the überserious director of The Tin Drum and The Handmaid's Tale. As I've said before, you can't do noir straight today; it helps to treat it as a black-comic goof, as Oliver Stone did in UTurn. Schlöndorff seems totally at sea here. The tone is inconsistent and baffling; if we're meant to take the plot seriously, we don't, and if it's meant to be funny, it isn't. And what is it with E. Max Frye and dangerous women wearing wigs? Did he have a bad experience with a mannequin as a child?

The only source of amusement in *Palmetto* is counting all the bonehead things Harry does — few of which come back to haunt him, as in a true *noir*. By the time Woody Harrelson was dangling above a vat of acid, and Elisabeth Shue was doing a *Sunset Boulevard* exit in one of her 59 wigs (it looks as if a black

cat died on her head), I didn't care if I never saw another thriller about stolen money or clever violence or elaborate double-crosses or horny idiots led to their doom by voluptuous vixens. It's tired, and it makes me tired just writing about it.



Movie Listings

CINEMA 140

376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA. Movie Line: 999-6577 / Office: 999-4240.

Friday (February 27) through Wednesday (March 4) The Wedding Singer (PG-13) – Fri: 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15;

Sal/Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon-Wed: 7:00, 9:15 Kissing A Fool* (R) - Fri: 2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30;

Sat/Sun: 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon-Wed: 7:00, 9:00 As Good As It Gets (PG-13) – Fri: 3:00, 6:45, 9:30;

PG-13) - Fri: 3:00, 6:45, 9:30; Sat/Sun: 12:15, 3:00, 6:45, 9:30; Mon-Wed: 6:30, 9:15

Spice World (PG) - Fri: 2:45, 4:45; Sat/Sun: 12:45, 2:45, 4:45

Caught Up* (R) - Fri: 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:15;

Sal/Sun: 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; Mon-Wed: 7:15, 9:30

Dark City* (R) - Fri: 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45;

Sal/Sun: 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Mon-Wed: 6:45, 9:00 Sphere (PG-13) - Fri-Sun: 6:45, 9:15; Mon-Wed: 6:45, 9:30

*No discount coupons accepted for these shows.

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■ ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday, March 3 — Ravioli with meat sauce, green beans, bread, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Wednesday, March 4—Chicken patty with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, March 5—Hot dog, French fries, pickles, or ham and soup, milk, dessert

Friday, March 6 — Pizzeria pizza with linguiça, pasta salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION

Monday, March 2 — Rotini with meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, scali bread, butterscotch pudding.

Tuesday, March 3 — Chicken breast, confetti rice, broccoli and cauliflower blend vegetables, oatmeal roll, chilled fruit.

Wednesday, March 4 — Pork patty with gravy, whipped potatoes, carrots, whole wheat bread, applesauce.

Thursday, March 5 — Meat loaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, spinach, snowlake roll, cookie.

Friday, March 6 — Breaded fish with tartar sauce, scalloped potatoes, green beans with peppers, light rye bread, fresh fruit.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 2 — Toasted cheese, or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk. Tuesday, March 3 — Hot dog, or turkey pocket, potato puffs, veggie sticks, cole slaw, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 4 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, French bread, rib-a-que, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 5 — Linguiça or cheese pizza, or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday, March 6 — HALF DAY: Muffins, bagels, juice and milk served.

FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, March 2 — Green eggs and ham, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken patty club, potato wedges, baked beans, chilled pears, yellow sneech cake.

Tuesday, March 3—American chop suey, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese sandwich, mac rib sub, tossed salad, green beans, chilled pineapple, strawberry jello with topping.

Wednesday, March 4 — French meat pie with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, shaved turkey club, au gratin potatoes, peas, chilled applesauce, chocolate mousse with topping.

Thursday, March 5 — Taco boat with all the fixings, hot ham and cheese, chicken salad sub, Spanish rice, chili, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, baked custard with topping.

Friday, March 6 — Italian spice pizza, cheese ravioli with sauce, grated mozzarella, bologna and lettuce sub, tossed salad, oven potatoes, mixed fruit, apple squares.

FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 2 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib sub, scalloped potatoes, peas, chilled peaches, apple crisp with topping.

Tuesday, March 3 — Baked lasagna, Italian sausage grinder, "hero" grinder, oven potatoes, carrots, chilled applesauce, oatmeal cookie.

Wednesday, March 4 — Hot turkey sandwich, steak and cheese grinder, hot ham and cheese, whipped potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, cherry crisp with topping.

Thursday, March 5 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, grilled ham and cheese, hamburger/cheeseburger, tessed salad, green beans, chilled applesauce, strawberry jello with topping.

Friday, March 6 — Meatball grinder, grated mozzarella, seafood salad pocket, Italian grinder, oven fries, baked beans, vegetable pasta salad, chilled pears, apple squares.

FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, March 2 — Hamburger, French fries, pickles, or turkey and soup, milk, desent

Tuesday, March 3 — Ravioli with meat sauce, green beans, bread, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Wednesday, March 4 — Chicken patty with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, March 5 — Hot dog, French fries, pickles, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Friday, March 6 — Pizzeria pizza with linguiça, pasta salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN

Monday, March 2 — Portuguese Day: Linguiça pizza, linguiça patty sub, baked beans, potato wedges, vegetable pasta salad, chilled pears, strawberry whip dessert.

Tuesday, March 3—Asian Day: Chicken nuggets with sauce, sweet and sour pork chop, steamed rice, Oriental vegetables, pineapple, mandarin oranges, vanilla pudding with topping.

Wednesday, March 4 — French Day: French meat pie with gravy, shaved ham and cheese croissant, shaved turkey croissant, au gratin potatoes, peas, chilled applesauce, chocolate mousse with topping.

Thursday, March 5 — Mexican Day: Taco boat with all the fixings, Steak'Um fajita, salsa, Spanish rice, Mexican salad, chili with nachips, jalapeno peppers, chilled peaches, baked custard with topping.

Friday, March 6 — Italian Day: Cheese ravioli with sauces, grated mozzarella, Italian spice pizza, Italian sausage grinder, antipasto, oven potatoes, mixed fruit, apple squares.

MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, March 2 — Toasted cheese, or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 3 — Hot dog, or turkey pocket, potato puffs, veggie sticks, cole slaw, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 4 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, French bread, rib-a-que, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 5 — Linguiça or cheese pizza, or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday, March 6 — HALF DAY: Muffins, bagels, juice and milk served.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 2 — Toasted cheese, or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 3 — Hot dog, or turkey pocket, potato puffs, veggie sticks, cole slaw, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 4 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, French bread, rib-a-que, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 5 — Linguiça or cheese pizza, or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit,

milk.

Friday, March 6 — HALF DAY: Muffins, bagels, juice and milk served.

■ ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, March 2 — Soup, salisbury steak, or chicken fritters, mashed potato, gravy, peas, roll, fruit, juice or milk.

Tuesday, March 3 — American chop suey, or Steak'Ums, green beans, garlic bread, pudding, fruit, juice or milk.

Wednesday, March 4— Soup, linguiça patty, or chicken patty, fries, pickle, carrot sticks, fruit, juice or milk.

Thursday, March 5 — Turkey with gravy, or BBQ ribs, mashed potato, carrots, applesauce, roll, fruit, juice or milk

Friday, March 6 — Muffins, bagels, fruit, juice or milk.

SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, March 2 — Toasted cheese, or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk. Tuesday, March 3 — Hot dog, or turkey pocket, potato puffs, veggie sticks, cole slaw, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 4 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, French bread, rib-a-que, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 5 — Linguiça or cheese pizza, or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday, March 6 — HALF DAY: Muffins, bagels, juice and milk served.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN

Monday, March 2 — Green eggs and ham, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken patty club, potato wedges, baked beans, chilled pears, yellow sneech cake.

Tuesday, March 3 — American chop suey, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese sandwich, mac rib sub, tossed salad, green beans, chilled pineapple, strawberry jello with topping.

Wednesday, March 4 — French meat pie with gravy, hamburger/ cheeseburger, shaved turkey club, au gratin potatoes, peas, chilled applesauce, chocolate mousse with topping.

Thursday, March 5 — Taco boat with all the fixings, hot ham and cheese, chicken salad sub, Spanish rice, chili, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, baked custard with topping.

Friday, March 6 — PROFESSIONAL DAY (no school).



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Local Police Logs



ACUSHNET

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 16 through February 22, 1998:

- Dayton Street disturbance/noise complaint
- Main Street vandalism
- Perry Hill Road impounded dog/dangerous animal
- Nover Street vandalism
- Mason Street annoying/ obscene phone calls
- Mill Road domestic disturbance
- Jean Street disturbance/ noise complaint
- Main Street domestic dis-
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- Keene Road vandalism
 Keene Road summons issued (malicious destruction of property over \$250)
- Middle Road domestic disturbance/adult arrest (assault and battery)
- Coulombe Street larceny/ breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Main Street summons issued (operating with suspended license)
- Peckham Road adult arrest (driving under the influence, drinking alcohol from an open container, person under 21 in possession of liquor, possession of Class D substance, negligent operation of motor vehicle)
- Blueberry Drive disturbance/noise complaint
- Garfield Street disturbance/noise complaint
- Pembroke Avenue disturbance/noise complaint
- Acushnet Post Office larceny/breaking and entering Into motor vehicle
- South Main Street distur-

bance/noise complaint

- Tilcon Quarry shots fired
- Beaver Dam Road larceny/ breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Taber Street adult arrest (assault and battery on household member)
- Lee Erin Lane disturbance/ noise complaint
- Main Street disorderly conduct/disturbing the peace
- Sam Street larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle.

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 15 through February 21, 1998:

- Aucoot Cove animal complaint
- Ichabod Lane animal complaint
- Wareham Road animal complaint
- Lewis Street animal complaint
- Mill Street suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road noise complaint
- Wareham Road motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Pumping Station Road assist municipal agency
- Front Street suspicious activity
- activity
 Wareham Road animal
- complaint
- East Avenue animal complaint
- Pine Hill Lane suspicious motor vehicle
- Mill Street found property
- Point Road family disturbance
- Front Street juvenile offense
- Mill Street larceny/past
- Front Street youths in street
- Wareham Road adult arrest (default warrant)
- County Road motor vehicle complaint
- Front Street fraud

 Planting Island Road – suspicious motor vehicle.

MATTAPOISETT The following log excerpts are for the week of February 15 through February 21, 1998:

- Mendell Road suspicious activity
- Acushnet Road possible past larceny
- Bethany Lane suspicious motor vehicle
- Fairhaven Road vehicle driving without a tire
- Fairhaven Road erratic operation
- Grand View Avenue harassing phone calls
- Hi On A Hill Road harassing phone calls
- County Road lumber in road
- County Road dog running in and out of traffic
- Marion Road suspicious motor vehicle at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School
- Aucoot Road tampered postal mail
- Water Street burglary/ breaking and entering to porch area
- Route 195 East motor vehicle accident
- Reservation Road hunters in area
- Fairhaven Road past vandalism/damaged property
- North Street lost property reported
- Fairhaven Road motor vehicle accident
- Main Street domestic disturbance
- Marina Drive suspicious activity
- Fairhaven Road adult arrest (warrant)
- North Street adult arrest (warrant)
- Barstow Street domestic abuse/problem
- County Road póssible operating under the influence
- North Street adult arrest (motor vehicle violations)

- Angelica Avenue lost/ confused dog
- Bay Shore Drive stray dog
- Marion Road dead cat in road
- Brandt Island Road burglary/breaking and entering/forced entry.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 18 through February 24, 1998:

- Hartley Road suspicious motor vehicle
- Mary's Pond Road suspicious motor vehicle
- High Street animal control matter
- Mendell Road road hazard
- Taber Lane animal control matter
- Taber Lane domestic disturbance
- Taber Lane adult arrest
- Rounseville Road tree hit by lightning
- Mary's Pond Road animal control matter
- Rounseville Road road
- hazard
 Cushman Road suspicious activity
- High Street officer wanted
- Water Works suspicious motor vehicle
- Walnut Plain Road officer wanted
- Mattapoisett Road suspicious activity
- New Bedford Road car hit deer
- Bowen's Lane suspicious activity
- Cushman Road officer wanted
- County Road adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- New Bedford Road adult arrest
- Perry's Campground vandalism.

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). The next few days could be kind of difficult as a tough boss expects the best from you. You may have to scurry to produce that result.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). lt looks like an attractive foreigner has an interesting suggestion. You could fall in love without even being able to speak the same language.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You could be under a bit of tension as you try to make the amount of money you have fit the amount of bills to be paid. This assignment will work best if you have help from another person.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). It looks like you and your partner will hit it off really well. Figure out a way to buy something both of you want, by doing it together.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). It looks like you're going to have a tough job. You'll be doing it with somebody you like, so that'll make it a little easier.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Make a connection with your sweetheart. You'll be immersed in a difficult project. Your full attention will be required to make this thing work, so don't schedule any dates.

Lihra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'd probably rather stay home in bed than do just about anything else. If you've got a friend nearby, that's even more

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A friend comes to your rescue. He or she offers advice you never would have thought of on your own.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Money is your major concern. You want to spend more than you have on somebody you like a lot.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're in the mood to learn the whole time the sun is in Pisces, so you're going to get a lot done.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feh. 18). It seems like you're putting more into a project than you're getting out. That's OK.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). A friendship could very easily turn into a romance. Make sure you're in the right place to have that happen.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: Your theme this year is friends and lovers. Looks like somebody who was one could become the other, and vice versa.

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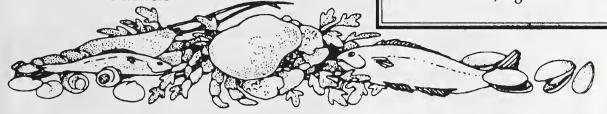
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TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Bell Atlantic for the relocation of one jointly owned pole on Cranberry Highway (Route 28). The work is necessary to relocate a pole that is in the way of the Rochester Environmental Park driveway. Public hearing will be conducted on Monday, March 2, 1998 at 7:15pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way. Rochester Board of Selectmen Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 02/19,02/26

> TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 9, 1998 in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Robert & Deborah Trahan, 6 Dyar Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to install a patio. The project is located at 6 Dyar Road, Mattapoisett and is further identified as Lot 26 & 27 on Assessors Map

Conservation Commission

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Sippican School Registration

Kindergarten Registration will be held at Sippican School in Marion on February 26 and 27, 1998. Sessions will be held on Thursday, February 26 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm and Friday, February 27 from 9:30 to 10:30 am.

At this time parents will receive an overview of the Kindergarten program, registration forms will be processed, and new parents will have the opportunity to meet with the School Adjustment Counselor. A copy of each student's updated immunization record must be submitted at the time of registration, to include verification of lead screening, Hepatitis B vaccination, and other immunizations. A copy of each student's original birth certificate will be taken.

Information and forms were mailed on Tuesday, February 3 to the parents of all prospective Kindergarteners. Any parent not receiving this information should call Mrs. Hulton at Sippican School between 9:30 am and 2:30 pm at 748-0100.

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Barn inspections will be conducted during the months of February and March for the Town of Rochester. If your inspection has not been completed by March 15, please call 763-5326 and speak to Robin Prezner, Barn/Animal Inspector.

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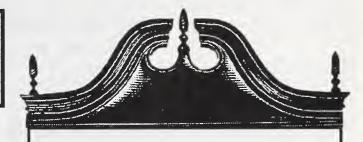
Tri-County Symphonic Band

The Tri-County Symphonic Band will open its 36th concert season at Old Rochester Regional High School on Sunday, October 26 at 3:00 pm, followed a week later at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 2 at Apponequet High School in Lakeville. The same program will be offered at both locations.

In the great American tradition of the concert band, Music Director George Dietzler has chosen selections to please the whole family. There will be show tunes and marches, overtures and dance music, a little classical and some romantic compositions. What a treat for everyone in the family! Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students — children under 5 are FREE — and are available at the Symphony Music Shop, the Bookstall in Marion, the Shawmut Diner in New Bedford, and at the door.

The activities of the Tri-County Symphonic Band are made possible in part by grants from the local Cultural Councils in Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Marion, Wareham, Carver, Acushnet, Lakeville, New Bedford, and Dartmouth.





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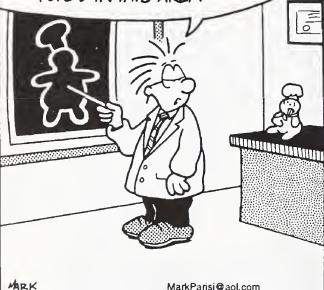


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March 1:	Sun.	9:51	10:16	3:13	3:32		
March 2:	Mon.	10:42	10:16	3:13	3:32		
March 3:	Tues.	11:37		4:59	5:11		
March 4:	Wed.	12:07	12:36	5:59	6:08		
March 5:	Thur.	1:08	1:39	7:11	7:17		
March 6:	Fri.	2:11	2:42	8:41	8:43		
March 7:	Sat.	3:15	3:44	10:06	10:09		
March 8:	Sun.	4:15	4:40	11:06	11:11		
March 9:	Mon.	5:07	5:29	11:52	11:57		
March 10:	Tues.	5:54	6:14		12:27		
March 11:	Wed.	6:38	6:56	12:34	12:54		
March 12:	Thur.	7:18	7:36	1:05	1:19		
March 13:	Fri.	7:57	8:15	1:33	1:43		
March 14:	Sat.	8:36	8:53	2:01	2:09		
March 15:	Sun.	9:14	9:31	2:30	2:38		
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February 20, 1998

Dear Friends of Hearts & Hands,

Recently, we have been encouraged by the tremendous support we have received for the continuation of our dream of a home for the children. Many, many people have expressed the need for us to persevere and continue to work toward the acquisition of our much-loved "Seahorse Property" as a home for the children.

We were encouraged to hear the current caretaker state publicly that he has every intention of leaving upon the termination of his lease on March 21, 1998. Even more reassuring was the reiteration of the Mattapoisett Land Trust that they were supportive of the project.

Thanks to your love, prayers and encouragement, we have submitted a proposal to the Mattapoisett Land Trust to resume negotiations for the project fondly entitled "The Heart Connection."

We are assured that "all things work together for good" and with the kind of support we have, a home for the children will be built. We hope that we can all look forward to making this dream come true.

In God's Love,

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